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1. ON MAY 4 US DEL ALLARD LOWENSTEIN ADDRESSED THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE DURING ITS DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. MR. LOWENSTEIN APPLAUDED THE SPIRIT OF CANDOR AND COMMUNITY WHICH HE FELT HAD CHARACTERIZED THE 33D SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS(HCR) AND CALLED UPON THE COMMITTEE TO MAINTAIN THAT CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH IN ITS DELIBERATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. MR. LOWENSEIN SAID THAT THE HCR'S WILLINGNESS TO EXPRESS DISAGREEMENTS FRANKLY AND THEN WORK FOR MUTUALLY-ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS HAD PRODUCED AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS UNIQUE IN THE COMMISSION'S HISTORY. HE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH UN MEMBER STATES MIGHT BE IN DIFFERENT POINTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DOMESTIC HISTORIES, THEY WERE ALL AT THE SAME POINT IN WORLD HISTORY AND WERE THUS EQUALLY IN NEED OF FINDING NEW WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER.

2. LOWENSTEIN QUOTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ECLA STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT "ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ARE NOT RIVALS" AND ASSERTED THAT "THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE

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TO EAR ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO ENJOY LIBERTY OF OTHER KINDS."

3. LOWENSTEIN CONGRATULATED UN-AFFILIATED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO) ON THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THEY PLAY IN HUMAN RIGHTS DELIBERATIONS AND SAID THAT "WE SEE IN THE PARTICIPATION OF NGOS AN ADDITIONAL OP-

PORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION, DEBATE, AND INFORMATION." HE FURTHER STATED THATNGOS "SOMETIMES IRRITATE US, THEY SOMETIMES IRRITATE EVERYBODY, BECAUSSE THAT IS THEIR JOB." "NO GOVERNMENT," THE DELEGATE REMINDED THE COMMITTEE, "IS DEVOID OF FAILURES, AN NO GOVERNMENT SHOULD FEEL FREE OF CRITICISM." (THIS MENTION OF NGOS WAS INCLUDED AS A REPLY TO HARSH SOVIET AND LATIN CRITICISM OF NGOS IN AN EARLIER DEBATE..)

4. LOWENSTEIN ALSO MENTIONED PRESIDENT CARTER'S CALL FOR STRENGTHENING OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY AND SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD NOW DISCUSS USEFUL WAYS TO IMPROVE THAT MACHINERY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. HE CLOSED HIS ADDRESS BY REITERATING HIS BELIEF THAT ONLY THROUGH A SPIRIT OF CANDOR AND COOPERATION COULD THE UN FULFILL ITS MANDATE AND HELP SOLVE THE MANY CRISES NOW FACING THE WORLD.
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